

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of permitting controlled access to medical information of a patient, the method comprising:

establishing a storage means for storing the medical information of the patient;  
establishing a means for accessing the medical information by the patient or any other authorized user; and

controlling an authorization and a scope of access to the medical information by the patient according to an assigned role of a user accessing the medical information by modifying an access control list[[:]], wherein the access control list lists each authorized user and the assigned role of each authorized user;

assigning each user with a unique ID and pin, and  
tracking and notifying the patient of an identity of an entity that accessed the medical information, information that was accessed by the entity, and when the entity accessed the information.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherin the storage means is a central repository.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherin the means for accessing the medical information is controlled using a universally unique identifier.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said controlling step is overridden by a registered emergency provider.

5-16. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the patient is compensated for permitting some of the medical information to be available and used by a research institution.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein during a doctor visit the patient provides access to the medical information for a time period long enough to support the visit at which point the access times out.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein access to the patient's medical information expires when a physician logs into another room/appointment.

19. (Cancelled).